

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 28, lines 4-13 as follows:

To a 10-liter glass vessel was charged methylene chloride (4.50 liters) followed by ~~tetrakis-(triphenylphosphine)~~ tetrakis (triphenylphosphine) palladium (9.0g, 7.8 mmol) in nitrogen atmosphere. Triphenylphosphine (1.0 g, 3.8 mmol) was added and stirred into the solution. Allyl-7- (2-(2-aminothiazol-4-yl)-2-methoxyimino)-3-tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-8-oxo-5-thia-1-aza-bicyclo(4.2.0) oct-2-ene-2-carboxylate, benzene sulphinic acid salt (225.0g, 354 mmol) was charged and warmed to 27-30°. The reaction was monitored by HPLC, and further additions of catalyst was made as required. On completion, the solid product was filtered and washed twice with methylene chloride (700 ml total). The yellow to tan product was then air dried to achieve a constant weight before storage in a freezer. ~~The yields range from 49-110.1%.~~